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Application No. : 10/623,882
Inventor(s) : Kouichi Miyamoto et al.
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed subsequent to the Notice of Appeal filed on June 15, 2006 along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a petition for a one month extension of time, and the required fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) and § 1.17(e), making this Amendment due on or before Friday, September 15, 2006. In response to the final Office action of February 24, 2006 and the Advisory Action of May 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.